

REPUBLIC CREOSOTING COMPANY

INDIANAPOLIS
May 13, 1933

TO: Mr. P. C. Reilly
FROM: I. H. Derby
SUBJECT: Village of St. Louis Park Water Supply

US EPA RECORDS CENTER REGION 5



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The sample of water, which you advised in your letter of May 12th was being forwarded to the laboratory, was received and preliminary tests have been made for the presence of phenols.

The preliminary tests give a positive reaction for the presence of phenolic substances. Full tests will be made as soon as possible and reported.

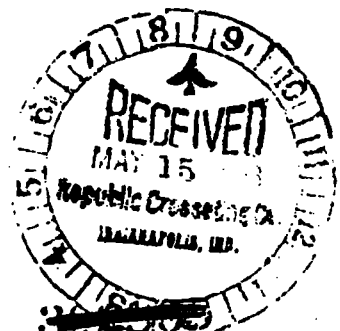
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It is very doubtful if it will be possible to determine the source of the phenol from the sample; that is, as to whether it is of coal tar or vegetable origin, perhaps originating in the swamp land, as you suggest.

We believe that we should have further samples for tests, as follows: a sample of water from the St. Louis Park village well; another sample of water from our plant well; and a sample of swamp water obtained at a point sufficiently remote from our plant so that the question of coal tar contamination cannot be raised. We believe that there are areas around St. Louis Park in which such a sample can be obtained. All of these samples should be sent in glass containers provided with glass stoppers.

Very truly yours,

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